

the bill or do something else with the bill until we can get it worked out. But I think if we don't do that, we need to make sure we get the education back into this bill in its present form, that needs to be put back in. We also are saying if you are an ophthalmologist or optometrist, and if you work in collaboration with an ophthalmologist out of state, that that ophthalmologist has to practice in Nebraska some time. You can't collaborate with somebody from Kansas City. That ophthalmologist has to be in the state some time, which I think needs to be in there also. But the main thing is this advisory committee, and also we are having under the Board of Medicine, where it needs to be. We need to be under the Board of Medicine, because if you're going to move from optometry into a field of the ophthalmologist, and they are under the Board of Medicine, that's where the optometrists need to be also. You can't have one part of the field, medical field being underneath one board, and one under another board, and both treating the same disease. So that's why they need to be underneath the Board of Medicine, and that's what this amendment will do. I think it's a compromise, and maybe there can be more compromise. But this is at least getting the education back in that we took out last year, and that needs to be back in the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Byars would move to bracket LB 503 until March 3, 1992.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, Madam Chair. I think it's apparent here this morning that there is obviously considerable interest and support on both sides of this issue. My interest in the issue is to try to resolve something in the most fair and equitable manner that we can. I don't think we're that far away. Senator Moore and I perhaps differ on that analysis of the situation. I think there are some very good points in the Schellpeper amendment that I could very easily support at this time. But we have debated this bill now all morning, I think probably we'll continue to debate it, and without any resolution. I don't think Senator Schellpeper has the votes to move his amendment either. And it's obvious to me that what we need is some negotiation, some compromise, if it's possible, and this is my